

ROOSEVELT REBUKES METHODISTS WHO ENGENDER STRIFE

Cancels Reception as Protest Against Clergyman's At- tack on Catholicism.

FEARS LEST FRIENDS
MAY BE MISINFORMED

Former President Deeply Worried.
Crowds Show Respect as He
Rides With King.

ROME, April 5.—Colonel Roosevelt, today, displeased with the statement issued last night by Rev. B. M. Tipple, of the Methodist church in Rome, which he characterized as an uncalled for attempt to launch a sectarian controversy, called off the public reception for tomorrow, at which he was to act as host, at the American embassy.

This reception was to be a public affair, open to all regardless of nationality or creed and, while not so announced, was looked upon as taking the place of a call by the colonel upon the Methodist church.

The prime purpose of the reception was to emphasize the religious toleration for which Roosevelt stands, and in view of this purpose the colonel took offense at Rev. Mr. Tipple's statement, in which he fiercely attacked the Vatican in connection with its treatment of Roosevelt, the very thing that Roosevelt was trying to avoid.

Roosevelt's Statement.
The following statement was made by the colonel in connection with the calling off of tomorrow's reception:

"I had made no arrangements to speak at any church or clerical organization in Rome. I have received a number of gentlemen of all religious faiths who have called at my rooms or at the embassy. Under the circumstances I have requested the American ambassador not to hold the reception which he had intended to hold on Wednesday at

"As regards all efforts by whomsoever made to bring about and inflame religious animosities because of what has occurred in connection with the Vatican and myself, I can do no more than refer to the emphatic statements contained in my open letter to Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook. All that I there said I desire to reiterate with my whole power."

The paragraph in Dr. Tittle's statement that particularly offended the colonel was the following:

"This is a bitter dose for patriotic Catholics in America to swallow. I wonder how many doses of this sort they will take before they revolt? Is Catholicism in America to be American or Romish? If Romish, then every patriotic American should rise to crush it, for Roman Catholicism is the uncompromising foe of freedom."

Worried By Incident

While officially Colonel Roosevelt looks upon his controversy with the vatican as a closed incident, it is no betrayal of confidence to say that the affair has worried him and is worrying him today probably more than any controversy in which he has been involved in the past.

There is not the shadow of doubt in the former President's mind as to the propriety of his course from beginning to end and nothing has given him greater pleasure than to see that the world generally has approved of his actions. What worried him, however, is the

The colonel expressed this doubt today to a correspondent, and then asked: "You fellows have carried enough of this to set me right with my friends at home, haven't you?"

Hopes Case Is Clear.

Even a statement that the story had been fully covered failed to reassure the colonel wholly, and he added: "Well, I do hope my friends understand the situation and all the determining causes."

Roosevelt then reiterated his statement that he was willing to "rest his

statement, which was to the effect that he (the cardinal) would have allowed the colonel to claim in public the right to go to the Methodist College the day after his audience with the Pope, on condition that the colonel would privately assure the cardinal that he really would not go.

Roosevelt looked upon this proposal as insincere, but insincerity, in which he expressly stipulated that he did not believe the Pope had any part.

More like two chums than a King and an ex-President of the United States, King Victor and Colonel Roosevelt this morning automobilized throughout the city. That the two men have evidently taken a great liking to each other was

manifested by the nearly unfeigned laughter that came from both and the complete absence of the usual king formality.

Drives With King.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the King called for the colonel at the Hotel Beausite. The royal automobile, containing four police officials, followed but a short dis-

tance behind. Then followed a dozen other automobiles containing correspondents, artists, and unofficial members of the party. The first place visited was the cavalry barracks, where the colonel became enthusiastic over the riding performances of the Italian cavalrymen.

"I saw horses climb stairs, jump over what looked to be insurmountable obstructions, and do other things that seemed almost incredible," declares the colonel. "I cannot praise too highly the work of the men and horses. The riding beat anything I ever saw on the Western plains, and that was pretty good."

From the barracks the party proceeded

led to the tomb of King Victor Emmanuel.